

**WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A PART OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY**

At the close of each service we give an invitation to accept Christ as Lord and Savior and to become a member of this church. We offer this opportunity during the singing of the invitation. If you wish to become a member of First Baptist Church, simply walk to the front while the hymn is being sung and tell the minister the decision you wish to make. This church receives members in the following ways:

**BY PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM**

You receive Christ into your life as your personal Savior and Lord. You profess faith in Christ by publicly acknowledging that you have received Him, by being baptized as He directed, and by living for Him. You need to know the following to receive Christ:

1. God Loves You. John 3:16
2. God intends Abundant Life for You. John 10:10b
3. You Have Sinned. Romans 3:23
4. Sin Robs You of Life. Romans 6:23a
5. God Offers You Life in Christ. Romans 6:23, 5:8
6. You Must Believe and Confess. Romans 10:9-10

**BY TRANSFER OF LETTER FROM ANOTHER BAPTIST CHURCH**

If you are already a member of another Baptist Church, we will write to them for a transfer of your letter.

**BY STATEMENT OF FAITH AND NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM**

If your membership is in another denomination, you may join this church upon your statement that you have previously trusted Christ as your Lord and Savior and have received baptism by immersion. If you have not been baptized by immersion to profess your faith in Christ, we would ask you to join us in that experience in becoming a member of this church.

Deacon of the Week  
12/22/24 - 12/28/24  
Tim Griffis 912-552-2258



The flowers were placed in the Worship Center this morning by Veronique Wheeler in honor and memory of Amanda Crymes, James Wheeler & Herbert Hunter



**10:30 AM KIDZ CHURCH**  
**Ashli Shaw Children's Ministry Director**

1's & 2's.....Shawny Thorpe & Ginny Caldwell  
3k - PreK.....Allison Perry & Valerie Capanna  
K - 2nd.....OPEN  
3rd - 5th.....Amanda & Chance Harper

Take a minute to thank the workers of our Children's Ministry.

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY - December 22** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
8:45 am Coffee Fellowship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship/Kids Church  
5:30 pm Church-wide Christmas Caroling

**MONDAY - December 23**  
12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor Gary/Hog-n-Bones

**TUESDAY - December 24**  
5:30 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

**WEDNESDAY - December 25** **Merry Christmas**



**SUNDAY - December 29**  
8:45 am Coffee Fellowship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship



**FIRST BAPTIST ST. MARYS, GA**  
HELPING PEOPLE FIND & FOLLOW JESUS



Welcome!  
We Are Glad You Are Here!  
Sunday, December 22, 2024

# Church in Worship

*Sunday, December 22, 2024 • 10:30 AM*

## Worship Through Songs

Prelude

Advent Candle Lighting

Hymn            **“Joy to the World, The Lord Is Come”**

Special Music    **“A Baby Changes Everything”**           Aubrey Hand

Welcome and Announcements                                 Pastor Gary

Hymn                       **“Away in A Manger”**

Hymn                       **“Silent Night”**

## Worship Through Tithes & Offering

Offertory Hymn                               **“Doxology”**

Offertory Prayer                                 Deacon of the Week

Special Music                       **“O Holy Night”**                         Mike Gaskin

Worship Through Tithes & Offerings

## *Message from God's Word*

Sermon   Pastor Gary

Invitation                               **“Lord, I Need You”**

Have a Blessed Wee k!



### Welcome Guests

Please take time to fill out a connection` card, located in the back of the pew that is right ahead of you. If you will bring this to the lobby at the end of service, we have a special gift for you. Thank you for being here. Please come again soon!!!



Church-wide Christmas Caroling  
TONIGHT AT 5:30PM  
Come, sing Christmas Carols with the church for this special yearly tradition.



FBC Youth are collecting items for an upcoming yard sale fundraiser. If you have some great stuff you are tired of stepping over please consider donating. We have a place to store your donations so just let me know and we will make arrangements. Contact Tim Griffis FBC Youth Director, his number is 912-552-2258. Thanks!



**Children’s Ministry Volunteers Needed**  
We are in need in our children’s ministry for Sundays and Wednesday night volunteers. If you would like to help out, please contact Ms. Ashli at [childrens.director@fbcstmarys.com](mailto:childrens.director@fbcstmarys.com) or you can call the church office at 912-882 4250.



FBC Youth Event  
Winter Jam 2025  
1/12/25  
Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena  
If you would like information, please contact Tim Griffis. Thanks!



We find so many ways to say It, but the old familiar words are somehow always best. So from every member of the staff we pray that you will have a very blessed and Christ-centered Christmas season and for God’s richest and choicest blessings for you and your family. Now, let us pause with the world to remember the birth of our Lord and Savior, today and every day in 2024. Christmas Greetings to our Members and Friends!  
**Pastor Gary, Mike, Tim , Ashli, Robin & Jeanne**



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
Our Church Goal is \$2500  
**YTD: \$3403**  
<https://onrealm.org/fbcstmarys/give/lottimoonth>



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**Tim Griffis, Youth Ministry Director**

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**FBC Deacons**

Alan Carrington, Bill Brown,  
Conrad Carlson, Tom Cochran,  
John DuBose, Brad Jones, Tim Griffis

<b>UNDESIGNATED</b>
Budgeted – Need to Date \$382,468.27
Giving – Received to Date \$400,076.22
Monthly – Budgeted Need \$38,246.83
December - Giving Received \$35,212.77



Thank you for your faithful giving as unto the Lord. When you are faithful to give, you are faithful to God!